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TOPIC Information on the Falkensee Restricted Area.

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REMARKS

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1. About 8 p.m. on 7 August 1953, boxes and billeting equipment were being loaded by air force personnel into three boxcars at Falkensee freight station. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 11 August, and 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 12 August, trucks loaded with billeting equipment leaving the Falkensee restricted area toward Dallgow. At 8 a.m. on 14 August, the gate of the restricted area was still guarded by an air force sentry. About noon, this sentry was released by a civilian guard. On the same day, the burgomaster of Falkensee, accompanied by VP personnel, inspected the restricted area, which was still off-limits to the German population.

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2. A Soviet rear detail remained in the Falkensee restricted area until about 13 August. the Soviets who had evacuated the restricted area took along all furniture, in spite of the fact that it was the property of Germans. After 12 August, the area was guarded by a German civilian. It was generally expected that the restricted area would be returned to the Germans.

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3. About 10 August, the restricted area in Falkensee would be evacuated by the Soviets. The municipal administration had already been ordered to have the vacated buildings reconditioned. On 13 August, the area which had been evacuated in the meantime was guarded by a German civilian.

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4. Between 10 and about 15 August, the restricted area in Falkensee was evacuated by the Soviets. It was generally expected that the buildings of this area would be returned to their owners.

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5. On 12 August, the air force headquarters previously stationed in the Falkensee restricted area moved to some other place, carrying all furniture along. The unit entrained at Falkensee freight station. Trucks [] were observed.

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6. On 12 August, [] observed at Falkensee railroad station, the entraining of the Soviet units previously stationed on Hansastrasse, Falkensee. After 13 August, all the houses of the restricted area were vacant.

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7. About 11 a.m. on 14 August, [] Falkensee restricted area was being guarded by a civilian. The area was still off-limits to the civilian population. [] the restricted area had been evacuated on 11 and 12 August.

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8. On 18 August, the Falkensee restricted area which had been vacated by the Soviets was being guarded by a civilian.

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Comment. Between 7 and 12 August, the headquarters of the ground attack division previously stationed at the Falkensee restricted area moved to Finsterwalde. It appears that the area will be placed under German administration.

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